

**REMARKS**

Applicants hereby traverse the outstanding rejections, and request reconsideration and withdrawal in light of the remarks contained herein. Claims 18-45 are indicated as having allowable material. Claims 18-45 are pending in this application.

**Obviousness-Type Double Patenting**

Claims 18, 23, 25, 27, 31-32, 38, 40, 42, and 45 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,684,343.

In response, Applicant has included with this Response, a Terminal Disclaimer that is believed to be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(b).

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejections should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2025, under Order No. 10001754-3 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: July 28, 2004

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